renewable energy is concerned. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, can he set any deadline for setting up this first SEZ in the field of renewable energy? Secondly, the solar energy is in abundance in our country. Is there any plan to foster the growth of solar energy?

श्री विलास मुत्तेमवार: सभापति, महोदय, जैसा मैंने बताया कि राज्यों की तरफ से जो प्रस्ताव आ रहे हैं, उसमें एक SPV हम बनाएंगे। यह उन सब चीज़ों पर निर्भर करता है। उसके बाद ही हम जगह मुकर्रर करेंगे। हमारे मंत्रालय का प्रयास है कि हम जल्दी से जल्दी इस बारे में निर्णय लें और कोई जगह तय करके उस पर एसईजेड की कार्यवाही शुरू करें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Land for Kendriya Vidyalayas

*243. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas that need to be allotted;

(b) steps taken to secure land for such KVs; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a Parliamentary Committee has expressed reservation over the efforts made by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are 160 sanctioned Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) for which land is needed to be allotted by the sponsoring agencies. The sponsoring agency-wise break-up is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has written to the sponsoring agencies for allotment of land. The matter has also been regularly followed up with them at various levels.

(c) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development in its 183rd report on Major issues concerning Kendriya Vidyalayas, presented on 30.11.2006, had only noted the discouraging picture about some KVs not having been allotted land even after several years. The Committee had appreciated the action of KVS in reduction of norms for land requirement and had suggested vigorous follow-up with the concerned agencies.

Statement

Details of Kendriya Vidyalayas requiring land

Sl.No.	Name of Sponsoring Agency	Number of KVs where land is to be allotted
1	2	3
1.	State Government	118
2.	Union Territory Administration (UT)	01
3.	Ministry of Defence	29
4.	Ministry of Home Affairs	09

1	2	3
5.	Ministry of Railways	1
6.	Ministry of Finance	1
7.	Ministry of Urban Development	1
	TOTAL:	160

Performance of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*245. SHR KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether Government is aware of the poor allocation for this Scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been progressing satisfactorily, particularly in reducing the number of out of school children in the 6-14 years age group from 3.20 crore in 2001-02 to about 75 lakhs in 2007 and augmenting school infrastructure wherein *inter alia* 1.18 lakh school buildings, 4.05 lakh additional classrooms have been constructed and 7.95 lakh teachers recruited by 31.3.2007.

To continue the momentum in the programme, an allocation of Rs. 10671 crore has been made in the Central Government's budget for the year 2007-08 and the Centre-State funding pattern for the XIth Plan period has been modified in the raio of 65:35 for the year 2007-08 & 2008-09, gradually tapering off to a 50:50 ratio in the last year of the XIth Plan for all States except the North Eastern (NE) States, where for the latter the sharing pattern will be 90:10, with the Central Government's share being resourced from the 10% earmarked funds for the NE States under SSA's Central Government budget.

Information Technology and Engineering Colleges

*246. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to set up Information Technology and Engineering Colleges in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such colleges proposed to be set up in the State during 2007-08; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set-up Centrally funded Information Technology and Engineering Colleges in Sikkim.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.